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TECHNICAL INSTALLATION OF MOTOROLA ALTERNATOR — 90 AMP

As of V.I.N. 4539 DMC vehicles came equipped with a new Motorola Alternator Part No. 110101.

If alternator replacement becomes necessary on vehicles prior to V.I.N. 4539, the alternator mounting and wiring must be modified according to the attached instructions.

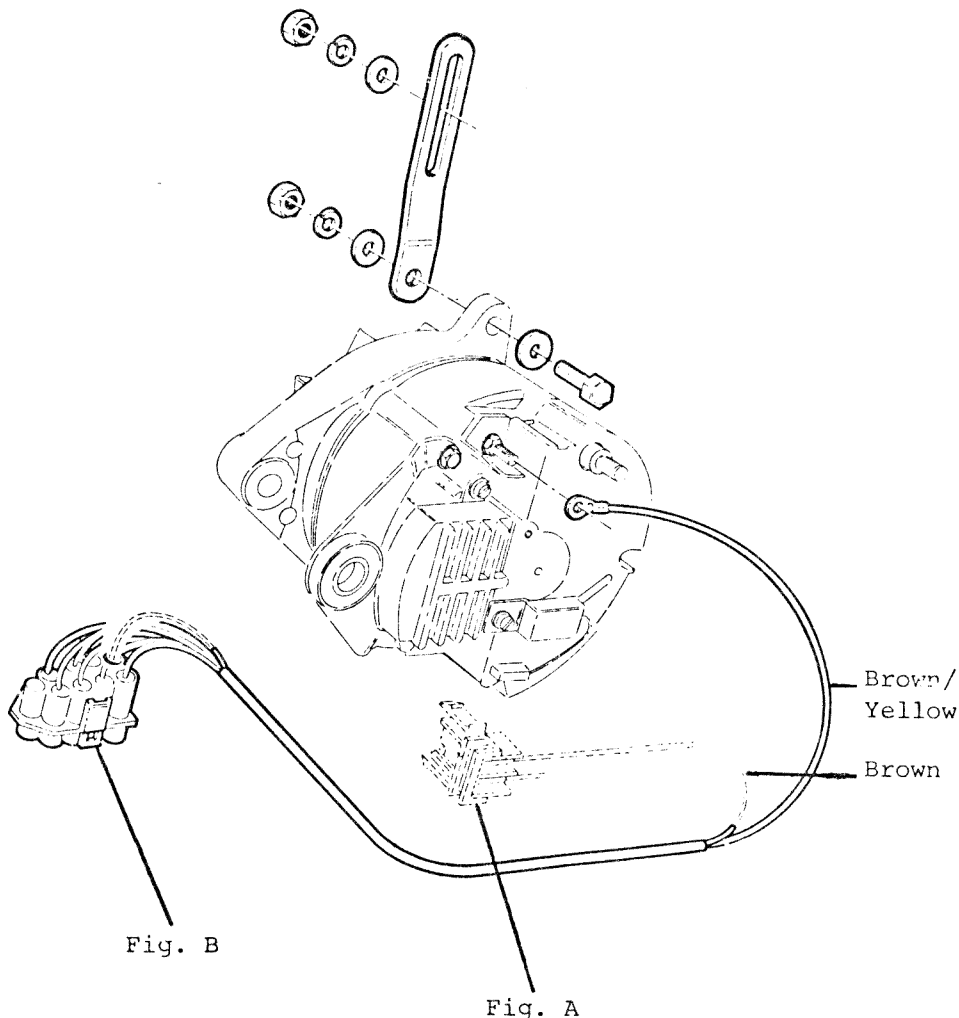
MOTOROLA TYPE 90A ALTERNATOR PART NO. 110101 Fitting Instructions on Vehicles Prior to V.I.N. 4539

REQUIRED PARTS

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|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| 1. Alternator | P/N 110101 |
| 2. Alternator Bracket | P/N 110102 |
| 3. Alternator Belt | P/N 102442 |
| 4. Six (6) Inch Vacuum Hose | P/N 102712 |
| 5. M5 x 80 Hex Nut | Local Supply |
| 6. M8 x 125 Hex Nut | Local Supply |
| 7. 5mm Flat Washer | Local Supply |
| 8. 8mm Lock Washer | Local Supply |
| 9. Small Crimp-on Electrical Eyelet | Local Supply |

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Disconnect battery.
2. Remove existing alternator and bracket.
3. Cut off original alternator plug. (See Figure A.)
4. Remove harness sheathing back to 1 inch before oil pressure sender break out to exposing brown wire and brown/yellow tracer wire.
5. Cut back brown wire to remaining harness sheathing.
6. Disconnect blue engine harness plug (Figure B.) and cut back brown wire to sheathing.
7. Drill out eyelets of brown wires to 8 mm (charging wires B+).
8. Using excess piece of vacuum hose Part No. 102712, cut to 6 inches in length and sleeve over brown/yellow wire.
9. Re-route brown/yellow wire with hose through aperture between muffler bracket and valve cover (parallel oil sending wire).
10. Fit new eyelet to brown/yellow wire.
11. Re-tape main harness with electrical tape.



12. Fit the Motorola Type 90A Alternator using the modified adjusting bracket Part No. 110102 which is fitted in reverse position to the original bracket i.e., adjusting or slide portion to be bolted to the engine crankcase, fixed end of the bracket to the alternator end cover.
13. Reconnect brown/yellow wire to D+ terminal of alternator.
14. Reconnect brown charging wires to B+ terminal of alternator.
15. Fit new alternator drive belt Part No. 102442 and adjust tension.

16. Ensure all connections are secure at alternator.
17. Reconnect the blue engine harness plug.
18. Reconnect battery.
19. Ensure that the battery is in good condition and fully charged.
20. Start engine and perform alternator output check.

OPERATION TIME

R & R Alternator	Time .4
Modify Harness	Time .4 (Up to V.I.N. 4539 only)

TAKEN FROM THE MILWAUKEE JOURNAL

Saturday, May 14, 1983

Eye high in the sky helps cars speed on

The drivers of five exotic sports cars escaped to Wisconsin Friday. And, with the help of a cop-spotting helicopter, they escaped Wisconsin Friday afternoon — at speeds in excess of 125 mph.

Talk about your getaway weekend.

Police did manage to ticket the five — who were in two DeLoreans, a Ferrari, a Porsche and a Datsun 280Z — but couldn't manage to slow them down. Or even to make them angry.

John Umhoefer, a dispatcher with the State Patrol in Madison, said that after the race, the drivers called back from either Superior or Eau Claire — they were less than candid about their location — sang "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow," and called the officers "a great bunch of guys." He said the drivers called back about 1 p.m.

The speeding convoy was first reported about 7 a.m., Umhoefer said, by a motorist who pulled into a weigh station on Interstate 90, about 15 miles south of Madison.

They were caught one at a time in a chase that involved at least six State Patrol cars and the Jackson County Sheriff's Department.

Umhoefer said the first driver was caught about 35 miles north of Madison on Interstate 90-94. The last was tagged on I-94 near Black River Falls. One of the drivers was ticketed after his car broke down. He was able to get the car to Madison.

Umhoefer said four of the drivers were from Illinois and one was from Iowa. The drivers' names were not released.

Umhoefer said a state trooper parked at roadside saw the Ferrari zoom past and tried to chase it. The trooper "got his car up to 125 and wasn't even catching up," Umhoefer said. The Ferrari eventually disappeared from the trooper's sight.

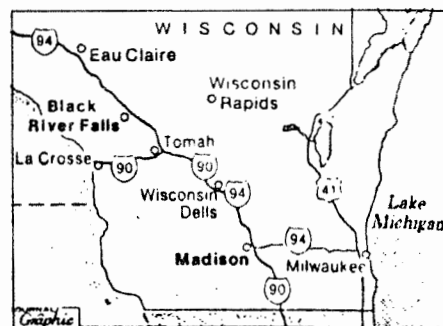
Umhoefer said the helicopter, which was registered in Illinois to one of the men ticketed, was constantly in touch with the convoy and warned the drivers when they were approaching a State Patrol car. "They were really picking their spots," he said. The drivers admitted that the helicopter was being used to spot police cars.

Troopers couldn't catch the cars from behind, Umhoefer said, but managed to get them when they slowed down for upcoming patrol cars.

Umhoefer said eight citations and one warning ticket were given out, for total fines of about \$750. The drivers, he said, paid the fines with charge cards and continued on their way. "Money seemed to be no object to these guys," he said.

Asked if the State Patrol was expecting to take any other action, he said, "We'll try to get them if they come back."

Ed. Our thanks to American Antenna in Illinois for this article.



President's Column

DeLorean Case Dismissal Asked

Citing pervasive publicity, attorneys for John Z. DeLorean moved Wednesday for dismissal of cocaine-trafficking charges against the millionaire auto maker nearly 14 months after he was arrested in a government drug "sting" operation.

Attorney Donald Re argued that DeLorean, 58, cannot get a fair trial at any time or any place in the United States because of "pervasive, intense and widespread publicity in the case." The motion was taken under submission by U.S. District Judge Robert M. Takasugi who had heard final arguments in an 18-day Los Angeles hearing on whether opposing polygraph examinations of DeLorean should be admitted at trial, tentatively set for Feb. 28.

DeLorean to Liquidate Firm as Trial Over Drugs Looms

Automaker John DeLorean, who faces trial on federal drug trafficking charges, has agreed in court papers to liquidate DeLorean Motor Company.

In a one-sentence pleading filed in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Detroit, DeLorean asked that the company move from reorganizing finances under Chapter 11 of the federal bankruptcy code to liquidation under Chapter 7.

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Installation of Motorola 90 Amp Alternator.

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LET'S GET TECHNICAL

STEPS TO PROTECT YOUR DE LOREAN AND OTHER CARS FROM WINTER AILMENTS.

The four common winter car ailments are a weak battery, condensation in the fuel tank, frozen coolant and clogged filters.

Oil thickens in cold weather, starting is difficult, and the battery uses more energy to turn the engine over. We suggest having the battery checked monthly.

The gas tank should be kept as full as possible to prevent water from condensing and freezing in the system. Fill the cooling system with a 50-50 mixture of antifreeze and water so it will not freeze.

Fuel and air filters should be checked to make sure they are not clogged. Clogged filters make it more difficult for the automobile to run efficiently.

REMEMBER, ANEMIC DOOR LIFT DURING THE WINTER . . . JAN-FEB ISSUE DE GULL WING, VOLUME 1 #5???

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TURBO POWER — THE RAGE OF THE 80'S — DMCA FOLLOWS SUIT

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TECHNICAL TIPS

Service Tip — Speedo Cable

Two out of every five (40%) of the 60 mph speedo conversions sent in to DMCA had excessive grease being forced up into speedo head. As a service procedure reminder — the gearbox should either be lubed with the cable and housing disconnected or, after greasing, the inner cable should be removed and excessive grease wiped off. Otherwise, you'll "bugger" up the speedo head. . . . de Editor

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Our thanks to Bert Varady and his lovely wife Diane, whom we had the extreme pleasure of meeting while they were recently in L.A., for compiling this very informative list. We hope Bert and Diane will help us establish our Texas chapter of DMCA. Our best regards to you both.

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LETTERS TO de EDITOR

Additional "No Start Fault"

"... I recently had the famous "no start" problem. I tried jumping the inertia switch but no luck. The problem turned out to be that water had collected around the fuel pump and one power lead and terminal had corroded completely through, so the fuel pump would not run. Apparently the factory did not properly seal the area around the fuel pump allowing water to collect. A new fuel pump was necessary."

Donald J. McCarron, NY

Don, Here is our fix. Sorry it was too late for you. deEditor.

DMC MAINTENANCE TIP OF THE MONTH

Do this or make sure it has been done to every car. The fuel pump terminals have 3 different metals resulting in electrolysis that will eventually completely remove the studs from the top of the pump. Note: This operation is best performed with about 3/4 tank of fuel. The fuel pump is mounted vertically inside the tank. Access is through a cover which forms the rear floor under the spare. The screws securing this cover (as well as others on the DMC) are posidrive, not phillips. Remove the clamp around the top of the rubber boot. Lift the thin upper cover. If there is fuel atop the pump, this will need to be corrected before proceeding further. To determine if the fuel came from in the tank or from a fitting leak blow into the fuel filler-bubbles or additional fuel indicates a leak at the lower clamp. If so, lift carefully 4" the heavy pump mounting boot. Try tightening the clamp around the outside of the pump and repeat the pressure test. If the leak persists, add a clamp. If it continues to leak replace the rubber mounting as it is likely swollen from some fuel contaminant. A fitting leak will show up with either the engine running or with the fuel pump (RPM) relay bypassed.

Running the engine is easiest for most people. Usually a fitting leak is caused by a defective copper washer under the through bolt above or below the banjo fitting. Once the top of the pump is going to stay dry and has been cleaned, slather (rhymes with lather) the terminals with dielectric grease. Don't let anyone tell you that thus and so will do the same — 'cause it won't! Reseal the flimsy boot around the hoses (and on early models) the wires with RTV sealer, use a #6 hose clamp around the boot to seal out air, dirt and water. The plenus drains directly onto the pump so whatever it takes to make the cavity over the pump airtight — DO IT.

"... I have one final problem. That is about the heat build-up in the heater control panel due to the fact that the lights behind it are on all the time and are not well vented. I'm afraid the radio and/or tape player are going to "fry" and greatly shorten its life. I would like to connect these lights to the dash light reostat so I can turn them off during the day. But again, I don't know how to get into the panel and which wire to connect to where. This would be a good article for an issue of De Gullwing."

Ronald Kilmes

Ron, your wish is our command! How would you like to get rid of the center console lights that "burn" whenever the key is on instead of with the rest of the instrument lights? It's a quick job which requires only a 2" jumper wire with 2 1/4" male spade connectors. 1. Remove the horizontal plywood access panel under the carpet and behind the passenger's seat exposing the relay compartment. 2. Counting from left to right (while facing the rear of the car)

remove the 3rd relay of the "top" now. Save this relay as it interchanges with 6 other relays in this compartment. 3. Jump between the right side slot and the front slot. You should now have A-C Panel illumination only when the lights are on.

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